East and West Hill Bands of Kozhikode and Korattimala of Malappuram district.

(c) Does not arise.

Ratnagiri Airport

4149. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Ratnagiri Airport has been completed; and

(b) if so, when the air-services are likely to be started therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The airport at Ratnagiri belongs to the State Government. The National Airports Authority has no plans to take up any work there.

(b) Vayudoot has no immediate plans to restore operations to Ratnagiri.

[*Translation*]

Change in Doordarshan Programmes

4150. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether programme schedule of the Doordarshan is changed frequently;

(b) if so, the number of programmes changed during the last three months;

(c) the reasons for change for each programme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such changes in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). No, Sir. According to Doordarshan, only 5% of the programmes are changed at the last minute due to programme exigencies and unavoidable reasons.

(d) It is the endeavour of Doordarshan to adhere to the announced schedule of programmes.

[*English*]

Joint Venture of ABB & NTPC

4151. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:
SHRI S.B. THORAT:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint venture is proposed to be set up between the Swedish multinatioanl electrical equipment manufacturers, ABB and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any protest has been re-